in Library. *See* No. LT-4238/87]

(b) the demand for additional Benches of the Madhya Pradesh High Court in certain regions of the State; [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4239/87]

(c) need for a Bench of the Madras High Court in Southern Region of Tamil Nadu; [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4240/87]; and

(d) general question of having Benches of the High Courts at places away from their principal seats and broad principles and criteria to be followed in regard thereto. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4241/87]

(ii) Statement on the action taken by the Government on the Report of the Jaswant Singh Commission. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-4242/87]

Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the National Productivity Council New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Productiivty Council, New Delhi, for the year 1985-86, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

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I. General Service Electric Lamps (Quality Control) Order, 1986.

II. Rry Batteries for Flash Lights (Quality Control) Order, 1986.

III. Dry Batteries for Transistor Radio Receivers (Quality Control Order, 1986.

SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM: Sir, I also beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development), under sub-section (3) of section 6 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

(i) G.S.R. No. 1230(E), dated the 27th November, 1986, publishing the General Service Electric Lamps (Quality Control) Order, 1986.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 1270(E), dated the 9th December, 1986, publishing the Dry Batteries for Flash Lights (Quality Control) Order, 1986.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 1271(E), dated the 9th December, 1986, publishing the Dry Batteries for Transistor Radio Receivers (Quality Control) Order, 1986.

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS OF THE PETROFILES CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED, NEW DELHI FOR THE YEAR ENDED THE 30TH JUNE, 1986 AND RELATED PAPERS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Petrofils Co-operative Limited, New Delhi, for the year ended the 30th June, 1986, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Society.

(ii) Statement giving reasons for not laying the Annual Report and Accounts of the Bengal Immunity Limited, for the year 1985-86, within the stipulated period.

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS (1985-86) OF THE NATIONAL PROJECTS CONSTRUCTION, CORPORATION LIMITED, NEW DELHI AND RELATED PAPERS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619 A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Twenty-ninth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Projects Construction Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1985-86, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (i) above.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

SHRI SUKHDEV PRASAD (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Twenty-first Report of the Committee on the Welware of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs—Insurance Division) —Reservations for, and employment of, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Life Insurance Corporation of India.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Enquiry ordered by the Former Minister of Defence into the payment of Commission by the supplies to an Indian agent in a Defence Deal

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Arun Singh will make the statement.

Before Mr. Arun Singh makes the statement, I want to mention one thing.

From the 15th January, 1982 to the middle of June, 1984, I was the Defence Minister. Therefore, I do not think it proper for me to preside over the debate. I would request the Deputy Chairman to come and take the Chair.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Nothing has come against you, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does not matter.

The Deputy Chairman in the Chair

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): Madam Deputy Chairman, with your permission I would like to place before the House information regarding the inquiry ordered by the former Defence Minister into a defence contract in which an Indian agent was said to have had an arrangement for receiving payment of 7 per cent commission from the supplier.

On February 25, 1987, Government received a secret telegram in cipher